

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC NIGHT HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2018-358-WS

Verified Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for Approval of Annual Rate Adjustment Mechanisms and Petition for an Accounting Order to Defer ExpensesTHIS APPLICATION CONTAINS A PROPOSED INCREASE TO THE FOLLOWING CHARGES: WATER DISTRIBUTION COMMODITY CHARGES AND SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT CHARGES**

Blue Granite Water Company (BGWC or the Company), formerly known as Carolina Water Service, Inc., has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) an Application for, in part, approval of annual rate adjustment mechanisms (procedures) for purchased water expenses and wastewater treatment expenses and the proposed 2019 rate adjustments (or increases, please see Company's Verified Application @ www.psc.sc.gov), including approval of the Company's request to recover previously deferred purchased water and wastewater treatment expense amounts for the period of March 2018 to January 2019, as shown on Exhibits D, E, F, and G of the Application. The Company also requests authority to continue to defer the Company's purchased water and wastewater treatment expenses (above or below the amounts reflected in base rates) caused by changes in third party provider rates, until such expenses are reflected in rates. As justification for the Application, the Application states that BGWC purchases water from approximately 13 third party providers, a number which may increase in the future. The Application states further that the Company purchases wastewater treatment services from 6 third party providers, a number which may also increase in the future. Since mid-2017, the Company has experienced wholesale rate increases from eight of its purchased water providers and has experienced wholesale rate increases from two of its wastewater treatment providers. Collectively, these ten wholesale rate increases amount to over \$1,000,000 annually.

The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§58-5-210, 58-5-220, and 58-5-240, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-503, 103-703, 103-823 and 103-825, and all other applicable statutes and regulations of the Commission.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a **Public Night Hearing**, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and Order No. 2019-423, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.**, before the Public Service Commission at River Hills Community Church, Life Center, 103 Hamilton Ferry Road, Lake Wylie, South Carolina 29710.

Persons who wish to testify before the Public Service Commission regarding the Application may do so at this hearing. Individuals shall be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentations. To testify as a public witness, you must provide your name legibly on the Sign-In Sheet available at the hearing location, and indicate that you wish to testify. All testimony will be given under oath and entered into the record of the case, subject to objection by the parties.

Please note that the Commissioners will be present to listen to your testimony and statements regarding this Application, however, the Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits the Commissioners from answering questions regarding this Application or discussing this case with you individually. Persons seeking further information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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